

Five Stages of SLA Activity Sheet

Directions: While watching the “[Stages of Second Language Acquisition video](#)” (Teachings in Education, 2016), take notes on the duration and average vocabulary in each stage in the boxes provided below. After viewing the video, reflect on your personal experience as a language learner at each of the stages. If you have not experienced some of the stages, write N/A. Then, reflect on your experience teaching students at each stage. If you have not experienced teaching students at some of the stages, write N/A.

Stage 1: The Silent Period
Description: Learners actively process but do not produce language (Saville-Troike, 1988).
Duration:
Average Vocabulary:
My personal experience in this stage:
My experience teaching students in this stage:

Stage 2: Early Production

Description: Learners speak in short phrases or words (Krashen & Terrell, 1983).

Duration:

Average Vocabulary:

My personal experience in this stage:

My experience teaching students in this stage:

Stage 3: Speech Emergence

Description: Learners use simple phrases and questions to communicate, often making grammatical errors (Krashen & Terrell, 1983).

Duration:

Average Vocabulary:

My personal experience in this stage:

My experience teaching students in this stage:

Stage 4: Intermediate Fluency

Description: Learners are able to share opinions and thoughts by using complex sentences. Frequent errors may occur (Krashen & Terrell, 1983).

Duration:

Average Vocabulary:

My personal experience in this stage:

My experience teaching students in this stage:

Stage 5: Advanced Fluency

Description: Near-native speech production (Krashen & Terrell, 1983).

Duration:

Average Vocabulary:

My personal experience in this stage:

My experience teaching students in this stage:

References

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